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SUBJECT: ITALIAN LABOR UNION STATEMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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1. FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT ISSUED RECENTLY BY THE UNIFIED ITALIAN METAL WORKERS UNIONS (REFTEL), ITALIAN UNIONS HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN FORMULATING PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON EXTERNAL EVENTS. THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CONFEDERATION CGIL HAS ISSUED A STATMENT ON PORTUGAL VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF THE METAL WORKERS. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS CONSTITUTING THE UIL MAJORITY HAVE ISSUED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING THEIR "EXTREME CONCERN" WITH PORTUGAL'S "GRAVE CRISIS" AND THEIR "UTMOST DISSENT" FROM "THE LACK OF ACCEPTANCE BY THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND COMMUNISTS" OF THE ELECTION RESULTS.

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2. A DELEGATION FROM THE THREE ITALIAN LABOR CONFEDERATIONS HAS BEEN VISITING SPAIN. ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN PRESS, THEIR LEADER, CGIL NATIONAL SECRETARY ALDO BONACCINI, HAS STATED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE IN MADRID THAT THE ITALIAN UNIONS HAVE ADOPTED THE PRINCIPLE THAT "ANY REPRESSIVE ACT TAKEN IN SPAIN AGAINST THE SPANISH DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONS FORCES WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A REPRESSIVE ACT TAKEN IN ITALY AGAINST OUR WORKERS." BONACCINI ALSO THREATENED BOYCOTTS OF SPANISH FIRMS AND AIR FLIGHTS ON BEHALF OF IMPRISONED BASQUE SEPARATISTS.

3. FINALLY, THE METAL WORKERS UNIONS OF ITALY HAVE THREATENED TO BOYCOTT THE IMPORTATION OF CHILEAN COPPER. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ITALY IMPORTS NEARLY \$150 MILLION WORTH OF CHILEAN COPPER ANNUALLY.

4. COMMENT: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC-ORIENTED CISL HAS NOT MADE A RECENT STATEMENT ON PORTUGAL, BUT ONE IS EXPECTED TO EMERGE FROM THE CISL GENERAL COUNCIL SESSION CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. CLEARLY, THE CGIL-INSPIRED STATEMENT ON SPAIN IS DESIGNED TO BE AN EQUILAIZER FOR STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF THE LEFT WING JUNTA IN PORTUGAL. VOLPE

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